

Notes by the Way.

The Melbourne Cup was won by Mr. H. Power's *Merrivale*. *Vogel* was second and *Dorset* third.

We are informed that the amount collected at the Bazaar in the City Hall on Tuesday last was \$1800.

Lieut. F. W. Stoddart, 1st Batt. Wiltshire Regiment, has been selected for employment with the Chinese Regiment.

The first snow of the season fell at Kobo on the 26th November. This is about a fortnight earlier than usual.

The plague seems to have got a firm hold of Kobo. Rumours are current that some cases have occurred at Canton.

Mr. G. H. O. Dea-Francis, late *Chong d'Almeida* at Peking, arrived to-day from Shanghai by the English mail steamer *Olybia*, on his way to Europe.

The death rate of the Colony for the week ended 25th November was 17 as compared with 10.9 in the corresponding period last year.

The State elections endorse the candidature of Major McKinley for the office of President of the United States, and he is likely to be re-nominated.

Lady Randolph Churchill, who undertook to provide an American hospital ship for the treatment of the wounded soldiers at the Cape, will, with other American ladies, accompany the vessel.

The Piracy at Fu Tau Mun.

The four men arrested by the Police in connection with the piracy of a fishing junk near the Fu Tau Mun Pass, on 25th December, were brought before Mr. Campbell, this afternoon at the Magistrate. After evidence had been given by some of the crew of the pirated junk, the case was remanded.

The Lady Missionary's Marriage.

The marriage of Miss Susan Halverson, the American missionary doctor, with the Chinese named Lam Yung, was duly celebrated on the 5th December. The ceremony took place at the Church of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and was performed by the Rev. C. R. Hager, M.D.

The German Rear-Admiral.

Rear-Admiral Bahr, of the German squadron in the Far East, who recently arrived in the *Huise*, landed this forenoon and paid an official visit to H.E. the Governor at Government House. The Admiral, on leaving at Murray Pier, was received with a Royal Salute from a guard of honour of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, in command of Major Sir Horace McMahon. The band and the regimental goat were in attendance.

Chinese Tariff Revision.

The N.O. Daily News of the 4th inst. reports:—We announced on Thursday that H.E. Sheng, Director-General of Railways, was charged by the Emperor Dowager with the task of arranging with the Powers for a revision of the tariff. On Friday, the 1st inst., a decree was accordingly issued appointing H.E. Sheng Imperial High Commissioner with plenary powers to consult on this question with the Treaty Powers.

Improved Speed of Cruisers.

The Hon. Charles A. Parsons, F.R.S., President of the Institution of Junior Engineers, states that it is possible to build a cruiser on the turbine system with a speed of 44 knots an hour. The Hon. C. A. Parsons, F.R.S., is proprietor of the electrical and engineering works of C. A. Parsons and Co. at Hoxton, Newcastle-on-Tyne. As managing director of the Parsons Marine Steam Turbine Company, Limited, he has developed the steam turbine, and made it suitable for the propulsion of war and mercantile vessels.

American Successes in the Philippines.

Manila exchanges report the defeat and dispersion of Alcedano's army by Colonel Bell's force, and the capture of Marikina, Norderfield, Krapp and Hothel's guns and a large quantity of rifles and ammunition. The powder magazine and arsenal at San Miguel, on the mountains, were destroyed. General Young's flying column has also captured Vigan, and released an American newspaper man named Jackson (captured by the Filipinos in February last) and 110 Spanish prisoners, who have been sent on board the *Oregon*. Lieut. Gilmore is still a prisoner, but is being treated well.

Saturday's Cricket Match.

A cricket match will be played on Saturday between the Club and a XXII of Hongkong Schools. The following will play for the Club:—S. J. Clark, F. T. Johnson, J. A. Rose, C. R. Vallings, H. B. Hancock, H. E. Greene, K. Mounsey, J. Wild, E. O. Smith, C. H. P. Hay, R. H. J. Brown.

The following will represent the Schools:—Queen's College:—G. A. Woodcock (Capt.), F. H. Kay, E. Silva-Neto, R. Pearson, E. Rongelids, H. Halsey, H. P. Molar, and R. Souderran; De La Salle School:—F. W. Shaw, O. E. Hastings, P. Wilson, E. Horton, E. S. Ford, R. Lupton, and C. Bonham; Victoria English School:—M. E. Anger, A. J. Anger, L. E. Lamont, I. Stillingham, J. M. Butterlee, R. Ross, and J. L. Shaw.

The Transvaal Relief Fund.

Mr. K. H. Watson, British Consul-General at Shanghai, has called a meeting of the British residents for this afternoon to raise a Patriotic Fund at Shanghai similar to the one in Hongkong.

The 'Maine' Disaster.

The Morning Post states that detectives have discovered the author of the explosion by which the United States battleship *Maine* was destroyed. The author will make a full confession if he is not punished.

The Bickha in Manila.

Captain Harford and Mr. H. A. Ramsden, the British Consul and Vice Consul respectively at Manila, have given the residents of that town a shock by introducing rickshaws, which are drawn by neatly-liveried Chinese coolies.

Slaughter of Cattle.

On 20th November, Mr. C. V. Laddis, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, reported for the information of the Sanitary Board that six head of very emaciated cattle which were suffering from rinderpest were destroyed at morning at the Hungkong Central Depot, with the consent of the President. In answer to a minute by Mr. May, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon replied that the cattle came from the district of Shan Chum.

Hongkong Polo Club.

A match will take place on the Causeway Bay Ground to-morrow between teams representing the Navy and Royal Artillery. Teams:—

R.A. H.R.H. Prince Henry Capt. Simonds, Comd. Royal Artillery, Capt. Warren, Comd. Smith-Dorrien, Lieut. Mulliken, Lieut. Keyes, Lieut. Loring. Play will begin at 4 p.m. sharp. The next match in the 'Gillies' Polo Tournament' will take place on Monday, Dec. 11.

The Improvement of the City.

At the meeting of Sanitary Board held to-day, Mr. May moved:—That a Sub-Committee of the Board be appointed, consisting of the Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Edward Osborne and one other member to be nominated by the President, to consider and submit recommendations for the formation by Government of a Trust to be endowed with a percentage of the assessed Taxes, and of the proceeds on Land sales, and with suitable waste lands, or otherwise, and to be charged with the duty, and invested with the power, of carrying out sanitary improvements in the City of Victoria, especially in the matter of the abolition of insanitary areas and of overcrowding. Mr. Osborne seconded the motion. Dr. Atkinson, in putting the motion, said that there was one other member to be nominated by the President, he thought he could not do better than nominate Mr. May. The motion was carried.

CRICKET.

H.M.S. 'DARFLEUR' v. H.M.S. 'HUMBER'. Played at Happy Valley on the 2nd inst., rain causing the match to be unfinished. Scores:—

'HUMBER'.	
Thompson, c. Dwyer, b. Johnson	14
Dunn, c. Munro, b. "	10
Tucker, b. Johnson	2
Williams, c. Johnson, b. Dwyer	53
Care, Dawson, run out	34
Squires, not out	9
Finnow, b. Dwyer	0
Clark, not out	7
Whitford, b. Dwyer	6
Wynne, b. Dwyer	6
Total (7 wickets).....	112
* Innings declared closed.	

'DARFLEUR'.

Chattless, c. Tucker, b. Williams	0
Johnson, b. Tucker	0
Dwyer, not out	6
Extras	3
Total (2 wickets).....	9

REVIEWS.

THE KING'S SMOKE. By E. F. Pollard. London: D. D. and Son, Limited, 60 Old Bailey, E.C.

This is a charmingly written tale of the sufferings and wanderings of a Huguenot family, the Duntons, in the days of Louis XIV. They are forced to flee from their chateau of Bretigny, in fair Normandy, after the monstrous revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Claudine Mallet, known as the 'Lily of Rouen,' a friend of Judith Dunant, the oldest daughter of the family, who is also a Huguenot and an orphan protégée of Madame de Minton, owns a slight ring of the King's given her by her powerful protectress, by means of which, during the horrible persecutions that ensued, she is able to save numerous lives, including several members of Judith's family. The Duntons are scattered, some to Holland, and others to England. During the progress of the story, we see William of Orange come across to Great Britain, and later on, admire the resolute death of the regiments of French Protestant soldiers that help him to gain the decisive battle of the Boyne. The volume, which begins in a bright and sunny, ends with peace and brightness in the peaceful Irish village of Portliffington. The historical touches are not in with-telling details. The story has throughout a ring of nobility, but does not in any degree detract from its excellence. It is eminently suited for girls, as the central figure in the whole, the self-sacrificing heroine Claudine. Six beautiful illustrations, by G. Demain Hamilton, R.C.S., are a distinct addition. The book is well bound, and is a worthy production of both author and publisher.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE WAR.

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Shipping.

Steamers.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at THOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship AUSTRALIAN.
Captain HENRY, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 8th instant, at daylight.

This well-known steamer is specially fitted for passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, December 6, 1899. 2530

FOR MANILA.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for ILOILO and CEBU.)

THE Steamship VENUS.
Captain D. LEE, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 9th instant, at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **BRAND & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, December 7, 1899. 2612

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship FALCON.
Captain HANCOCK, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 9th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, December 7, 1899. 2616

THE OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA, LD.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship MAIDZURU MARU.
Captain T. OKADA, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 10th instant, at daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.**

Hongkong, December 4, 1899. 2600

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship YUENSANG.
Captain P. H. ROSE, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 11th instant, at 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for first-class passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.**

Hongkong, December 6, 1899. 2622

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship IDOMENEUS.
Captain RILEY, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 12th December.

For Freight, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, November 16, 1899. 2499

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT.

THE Company's Steamship TANTALUS.
Captain DANFORTH, will be despatched on or about FRIDAY, the 15th December, taking cargo to Liverpool, at London rates.

For Freight, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, November 24, 1899. 2545

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.'s NEW YORK LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship ASAMA.
will be despatched for the above Port on or about 27th December. To be followed by the S. S. QUEEN ELIZABETH.

For Freight, apply to **SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, December 7, 1899. 2522

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CHAPOTEAU'S Phosphoglycerate OF LIME

The modern restoration of the nervous system. For indigestion, nervousness, etc., and in debility, remission of nervous origin and treatment. It is readily assimilated and promotes digestion.

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Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship LYEMOON.
Captain G. HUBERMAN, will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 8th instant, at 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for first and second-class passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, December 4, 1899. 2413

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship CHINGTU.
Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at noon.

The attention of passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by this steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, December 5, 1899. 2532

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

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N.B.—Return Tickets issued by the Company to and from Australia are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S. S. Co. and vice versa.

For Passage or Passage, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, November 23, 1899. 2530

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship PATROCLUS.
Captain DICKEN, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 26th instant.

For Freight, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, December 5, 1899. 2615

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship AFRIDI.
will be despatched for the above Port about the middle of January, 1900.

For Freight, apply to **DODWELL & Co., Ld., Agents.**

Hongkong, December 5, 1899. 2516

Sailing Vessels.

FOR PHILADELPHIA & NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 A. I. L. American Ship ST. MARC.
Captain DUBLEY, is ready to take cargo here for the above ports, and will have quick despatch.

FOR BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 A. I. L. American Ship REUCE.
Captain WHITMORE, is ready to take cargo here for the above ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to **ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, November 10, 1899. 2457

Mails.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship OLYDE. Captain C. T. DENNY, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 9th December, at noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to **H. A. RICHIE, Superintendent.**

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1899. 2509

Mails.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.
Hongkong Maru (via Shanghai, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) SATURDAY, Dec. 9, at Noon.

Nippon Maru (via Shanghai, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, at Noon, 1900.

America Maru (via Shanghai, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) SATURDAY, Jan. 27, at Noon, 1900.

THE S. S. HONGKONG MARU will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 9th Dec., at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers or Japan, the United States, and Europe. Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all transatlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the Southern Pacific, Central Pacific, Union Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande, and Northern Pacific Railways; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Packages will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, November 14, 1899. 2478

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; also

PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 18th December, at Noon, the Co.'s S. S. YARRA, Captain ROZELLE, with MATS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Port of Call, without Transhipment.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

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Alcorty	despatch-vessel	1700	19	3000	Comdr. A. H. Smith-Dorrien	Hongkong
Algolone	aloop	1059	6	1400	Commander E. J. W. Slade	Hongkong
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Barfleur	battleship, 1st class	13,000	14	13,000	Com. B. C. C. Colville, C.B.	Hongkong
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Brisk	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3800	Com. R. D. S. Wrey	Hongkong
(Cometion)*	battleship, 1st class	13,400	14	13,000	Captain J. R. Jellicoe	Singapore
Dupleix	aloop	1148	8	2000	Comd. C. W. Wittington-Ingram	Nagasaki
Eudymion	cruiser, 1st class	7553	12	10,000	Capt. G. A. Callaghan	Hongkong
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Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	735	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. J. G. Armstrong	Manila
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Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	—	8000	Captain Mmlor	Hongkong
Defon	German cruiser	4109	10	9600	Captain Rothmann	Hongkong
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Erne	German cruiser	4205	8	2920	Commander Ueberleimer	Nagasaki
Saieria Augusta	German cruiser	6531	20	11,000	Captain Glnch	Shanghai
Carlo Alberto	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Roberto	Woozung
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Stromboli	Italian cruiser	3898	12	6125	Captain Constantine	Hongkong
Africa	Portuguese transport	1409	—	—	Capt. Vasco Corvacho	Nacao
Alberca	Portuguese gunboat	409	3	400	Comdr. Cunha Lima	Hongkong
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	5500	15	9000	Captain Yakovlev	Nagasaki
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